



Office of the Mayor

The City of Morgantown

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Proclamation

- Whereas, The 4th Annual Gene Vance Jr. Day will be observed in Morgantown, WV on the 18th Day of May in honor and support of the brave service members of the United States Armed Forces leading Overseas Contingency Operations previously known as the Global War on Terror: Those who boldly serve, those who have fallen, and those who have been traumatically injured while safeguarding the nation; and
- Whereas, The 4th Annual day recognizes the United States of America's leadership of the longest armed global conflict in its history in memory of SSGT Gene A. Vance Jr.'s heroic and selfless actions in the US response to events of 9/11, as the first National Guardsman to be killed in direct action since Vietnam and the first WV National Guardsman to die in direct action since WWII; and
- Whereas, The 4th Annual day symbolizes honor, care, hope and healing for thousands of returning as well as severely wounded veterans, their allies, respective families and communities facing challenges never experienced before in history; and
- Whereas, The remarkable sacrifices and commitment members of the Armed Forces make to and for this nation and unyielding dedication of the Gene Vance Jr. Foundation for the Catastrophically Injured are worthy of recognition and, it is fitting therefore that Vance, the foundation in his honor and all the servicemen and servicewomen be honored today, and every day.

Now therefore, I, Jenny Selin, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim the 18th day of May 2015 as

Gene Vance Jr. Day

In the City of Morgantown and encourage all citizens to join in remembrance and appreciation of the brave members of the Armed Forces of the United States -who have served, and who continue to serve-in order to protect our freedoms.

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Jenny Selin, Mayor